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WHITE HOUSE FOR HAMILTON JORDAN AND WILLIAM HYLAND

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TAGS: PBOR, PN  
SUBJECT: PROPOSED STATEMENT BY AMBASSADORS BUNKER AND LINOWITZ

QUOTE WE ARE DEEPLY GRATIFIED TO BE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE AND  
OUR PANAMANIAN COLLEAGUES HAVE TODAY REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE  
BASIC PRINCIPLES THAT WILL GOVERN A NEW TREATY--AND A NEW  
RELATIONSHIP  
BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. OUR LEGAL SPECIALISTS WILL CONTINUE  
WORKING TO REFINE AND REACH AGREEMENT ON THE PRECISE WORDS  
THAT WILL EXPRESS THOSE PRINCIPLES IN FORMAL REPEAT FORMAL  
TREATIES.

THOUGH THIS IS BUT ONE STAGE IN THE COMPLETION OF OUR HISTORIC  
TASK, IT IS A MAJOR STEP TOWARD OUR MUTUAL GOAL. WE WILL BE  
FLYING BACK TO WASHINGTON TOMORROW AND WILL GO IMMEDIATELY  
TO THE WHITE HOUSE TO REPORT TO PRESIDENT CARTER. WE WILL  
REVIEW WITH HIM IN DETAIL THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE OVER  
THESE PAST MONTHS AND THE PRINCIPLES OF THE AGREEMENT THAT HAVE  
BEEN REACHED. HE WILL THEN BE ABLE TO REVIEW THE PRINCIPLES AND,  
MAKE HIS FINAL DECISION.

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THIS HAS BEEN A LONG AND ARDUOUS PATH, AS YOU KNOW. FOR MORE  
THAN 13 YEARS, UNDER FOUR PRESIDENTS, WE HAVE SOUGHT A NEW  
AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.  
NOW WE HAVE TAKEN A DECISIVE STEP TOWARD THAT LONG-SOUGHT  
GOAL. WE HOPE THAT WE CAN TAKE THE REMAINING STEPS WITH  
EQUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COMMON PURPOSE.

FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THIS TREATY WILL SERVE WELL THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND WILL BE A STRONGLY POSITIVE ELEMENT IN OUR OVERALL POLICY IN LATIN AMERICA. FOR MANY YEARS, OUR LATIN AMERICAN NEIGHBORS HAVE URGED A MORE MODERN RELATIONSHIP WITH PANAMA-- ONE THAT WOULD MEET THAT COUNTRY'S ASPIRATIONS AS WELL AS PRESERVE OUR VITAL COMMON INTEREST IN AN OPEN, SECURE AND EFFICIENT CANAL. THE NEW TREATY IS AN HISTORIC STEP TOWARD THAT GOAL AND TOWARD GREATLY IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA. IT WILL ALSO DEMONSTRATE TO THE WORLD THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR A LARGE COUNTRY AND A SMALLER ONE TO ACHIEVE A CONSTRUCTIVE WORKING PARTNERSHIP, FOR THEIR OWN MUTUAL BENEFIT AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THEIR NEIGHBORS.

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